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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 26, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Created in Your image and likeness, Lord God, we are endowed with noble rights and held to certain responsibilities. As this 107th Congress engages in decision-making, which will affect this Nation and the world internationally, help all Members reflect Your image and respect Your likeness in others.

Today we pray for all Americans with disabilities. Bless them with peace and strength. May their efforts to create independent lives for themselves be rewarded as they find their rightful place in the mainstream of American life.

As their brothers and sisters, may all Americans prove to be helpful citizens to those with disabilities and seize every opportunity to protect their rights to access and enjoy their fullest potential in places of worship, of work and learning, as well as on the streets and the public places of this Nation.

We are Yours, one people. We are Your people now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NORWOOD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 502 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5005.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5005) to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with Mr. LINDER (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on the legislative day of Thursday, July 25, 2002, amendment No. 16 printed in House Report 107-615 offered by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) had been disposed of.

Pursuant to section 4 of House Resolution 502 and the order of the House of that date, it is now in order to consider amendment No. 3 printed in House Report 107-615.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. WAXMAN

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 3 offered by Mr. WAXMAN: At the end of the bill add the following new title:

TITLE XI—OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

SEC. 1101. ESTABLISHMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the Executive Office of the President an Office of Homeland Security.

(b) DIRECTOR.—The head of the Office shall be the Director of Homeland Security, who shall be appointed by the President and advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 1102. MISSION.

As provided in Executive Order 13228, the mission of the Office of Homeland Security is to develop and coordinate the implementation of a comprehensive national strategy to secure the United States from terrorist threats or attacks.

SEC. 1103. FUNCTIONS.

As provided in Executive Order 13228, the functions of the Office of Homeland Security shall be to coordinate the executive branch's efforts to detect, prepare for, prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks within the United States. Such functions shall include—

(1) working with executive departments and agencies, State and local governments, and private entities to ensure the adequacy of the national strategy for detecting, preparing for, preventing, protecting against, responding to, and recovering from terrorist threats or attacks within the United States and periodically reviewing and coordinating revisions to that strategy as necessary;

(2) identifying priorities and coordinating efforts for collection and analysis of information regarding threats of terrorism against the United States, including ensuring that all executive departments and agencies that have intelligence collection responsibilities have sufficient technological capabilities and resources and that, to the extent permitted by law, all appropriate and necessary intelligence and law enforcement information relating to homeland security is disseminated to and exchanged among appropriate executive departments and agencies;

(3) coordinating national efforts to prepare for and mitigate the consequences of terrorist threats or attacks within the United

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